

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1259–1277, S. Res. 179–182, and S. Con. Res. 15. **Pages S2569–70**

Measures Passed:

Public Service Recognition Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 180, expressing the sense of the Senate that, during Public Service Recognition Week, public servants should be commended for their dedication and continued service to the United States.

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National Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Appreciation Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 181, supporting the designation of the week of April 8 through April 12, 2019, as “National Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Appreciation Week”.

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Veto Messages:

Hostilities in the Republic of Yemen Veto Message—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that following disposition of the nomination of Joshua Wolson, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Senate resume consideration of the veto message on S. J. Res. 7, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Yemen that have not been authorized by Congress, and Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding, with no intervening action or debate, at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, May 2, 2019, and with five minutes of debate, prior to the vote, under the control of Senator Menendez.

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Ruiz II Nomination—Agreement: By 89 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. EX. 88), Senate agreed to the

motion to close further debate on the nomination of Rodolfo Armando Ruiz II, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 2, 2019, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, post-cloture.

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Arias–Marxuach Nomination—Cloture: By 94 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. EX. 89), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of Raul M. Arias-Marxuach, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

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Wolson Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Joshua Wolson, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 64 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. EX. 90), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Ruiz II, Arias–Marxuach, and Wolson Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the post-cloture time on the nominations of Rodolfo Armando Ruiz II, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Raul M. Arias-Marxuach, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, and Joshua Wolson, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, expire at 10:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 2, 2019, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order in which cloture was invoked.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 85), J. Campbell Barker, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas.

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By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 87), Andrew Lynn Brasher, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 86), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—90)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2577.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Service, after receiving testimony from Rear Admiral Michael D. Weahkee, Principal Deputy Director, Rear Admiral Michael Toedt, Chief Medical Officer, Gary J. Hartz, Director, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, and Ann Church, Acting Director, Office of Finance and Accounting, all of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

APPROPRIATIONS: NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Navy and Marine Corps, after receiving testimony from Richard V. Spencer, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral John M. Richardson, USN, Chief of Naval Operations, and General Robert B. Neller, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: NASA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine the proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after receiving testimony from James F. Bridenstine, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS: NRC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after receiving testimony from Kristine Svinicki, Chairman, and Jeff Baran, Annie Caputo, and David Wright, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded a hearing to examine United States nuclear weapons policy, programs, and strategy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Ellen M. Lord, Under Secretary for Acquisition and Sustainment, David J. Trachtenberg, Deputy Under Secretary for Policy, General Timothy M. Ray, USAF, Commander, Air Force Global Strike Command and Commander, Air Force Strategic—Air, United States Strategic Command, and Vice Admiral Johnny R. Wolfe, Jr., USN, Director, Strategic Systems Programs, all of the Department of Defense.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine policy principles for a Federal data privacy framework, focusing on consumer perspectives, after receiving testimony from Helen Dixon, Data Protection Commission of Ireland, Dublin; Jules Polonetsky, Future of Privacy Forum, and Neema Singh Guliani, American Civil Liberties Union, both of Washington, D.C.;